

# Nickerson Management Complex Resource Management Plan



DCR Public Meeting

Thursday, January 29, 2015 - 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. West Barnstable Fire Station



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

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# DCR Mission Statement

*To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well being of all*



South Cape Beach State Park

# Tonight's Presentation



Playground – Roland C. Nickerson State Park



Sargent House –  
Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

- RMP Requirements
- Nickerson Management Complex RMP Schedule
- Preview of Draft RMP
  - Existing Conditions
  - Recommendations
- Public Input



# RMP Requirements

Management plans are prepared for “all reservations, parks, and forests under the management of the department”

M.G.L. Chapter 21; Section 2F



Flat Pond – South Cape Beach State Park

# RMPs Shall ...

“include guidelines for the operation and land stewardship of... reservations, parks and forests”

“provide for the protection and stewardship of natural and cultural resources”

“ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection and sustainable forest management”



Former CCC Camp – Nickerson State Park

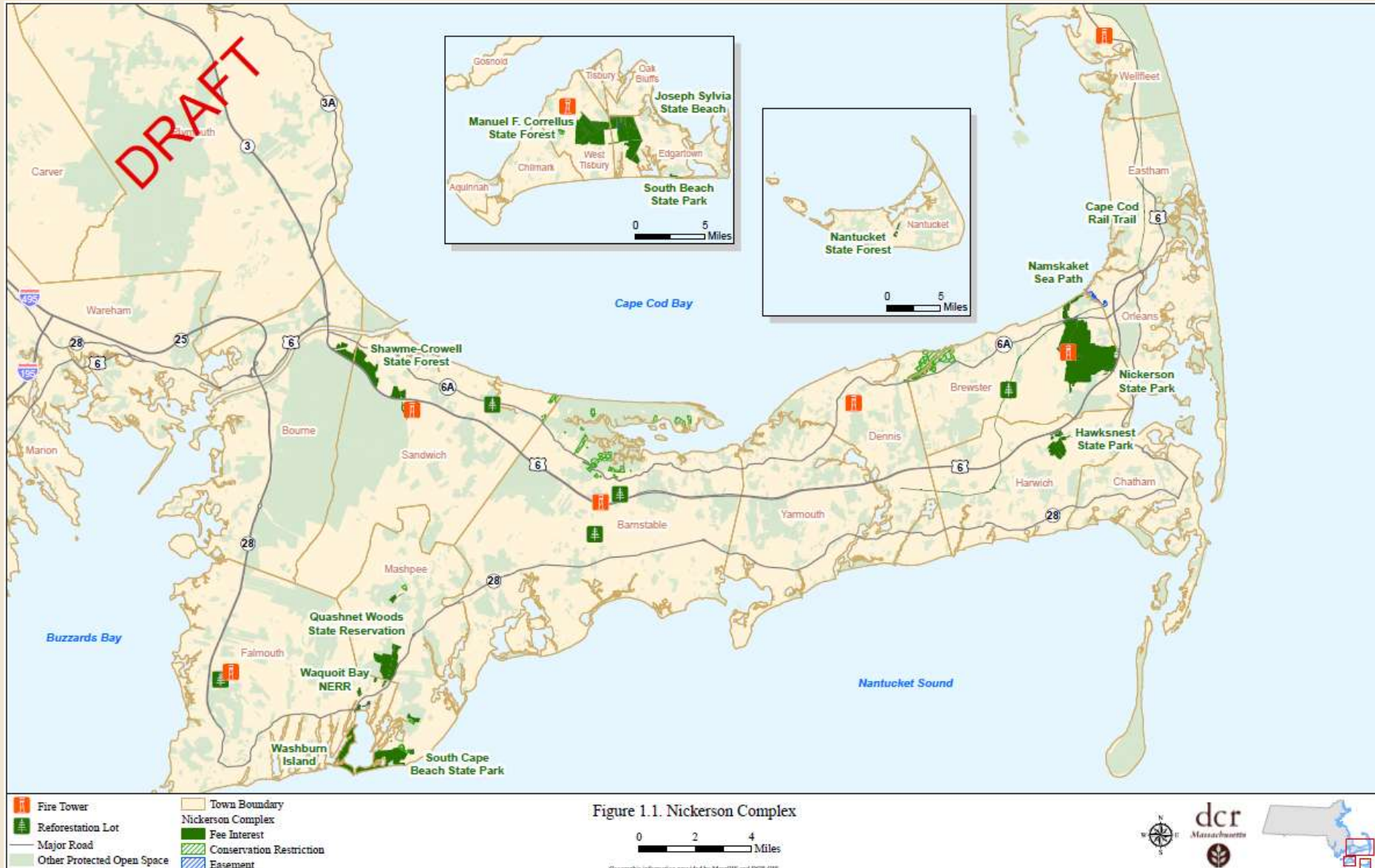
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# Nickerson Management Complex RMP Schedule

Date	Action
December 5 & 7, 2013	Public meetings
December 7 – January 10, 2013	Public input period
January – November 2014	Plan preparation and internal review
November 2014 – January 2015	Revision of internal draft RMP
January 29 & 31, 2015	Public meetings & release of draft RMP
January 30 – March 2	Public comment period
March 2015	Revision of draft RMP
April 2015	Submit to Stewardship Council
Spring 2015	Stewardship Council vote
Spring 2015	Final draft of RMP posted to web



# Nickerson Management Complex





# Existing Conditions:



**Natural Resources**



**Cultural Resources**



**Recreation**



**Infrastructure**



**Interpretation**



**Management Resources**



**Management Practices**

# Recommendations

## Recommendations Must:

- “Ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection and sustainable forest management”
- Address one or more of the following:
  - Regulatory compliance or compliance with legal agreement
  - Threats to the health and safety of park visitors and employees
  - Imminent loss of a natural, cultural, or recreation resource



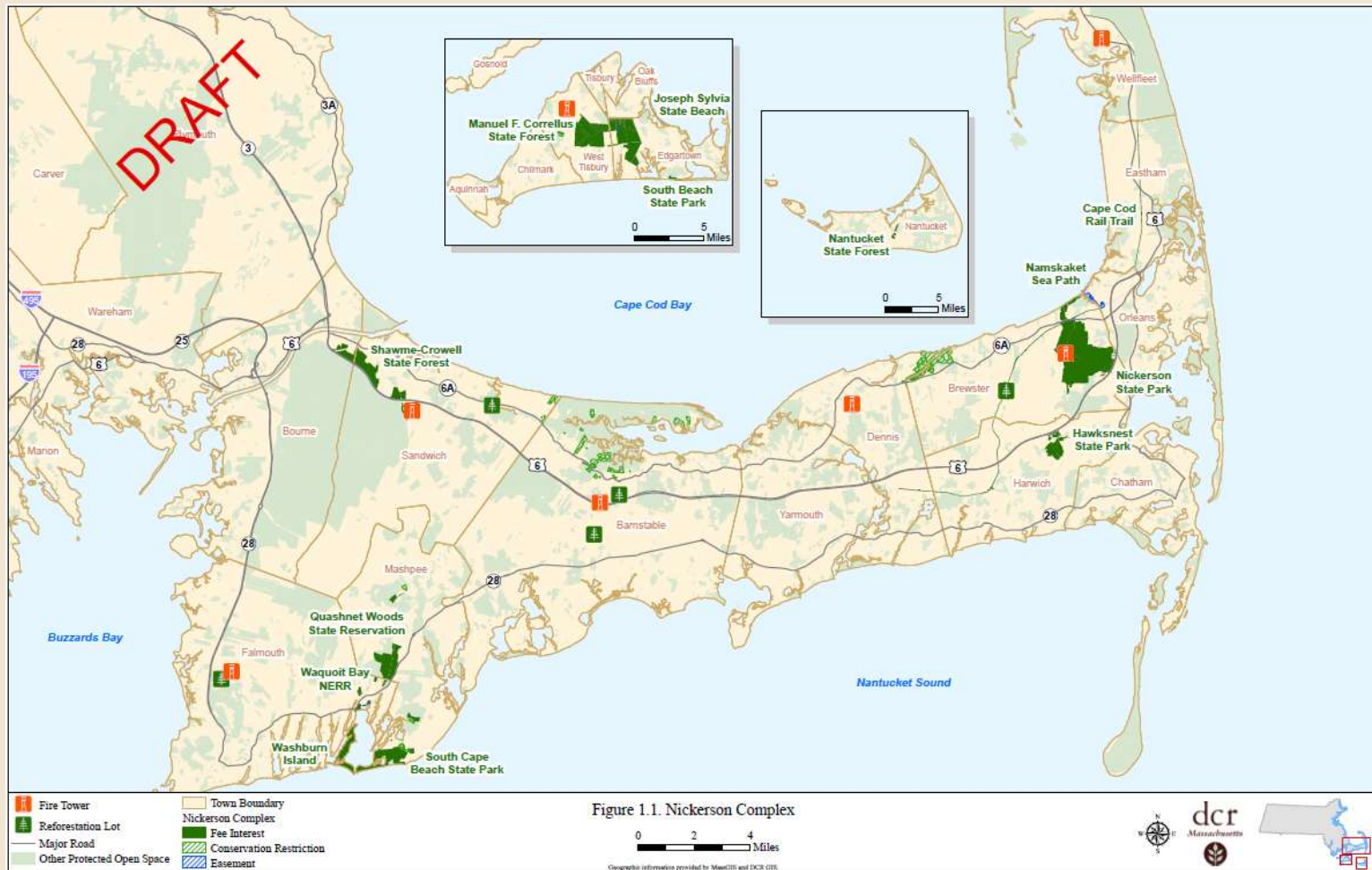
Natural Resources Management – Waquoit Bay NERR



Beachgoers – Flax Pond – Nickerson State Park



# Examples of Existing Conditions and Recommendations





# Shawme-Crowell State Forest: Existing Conditions

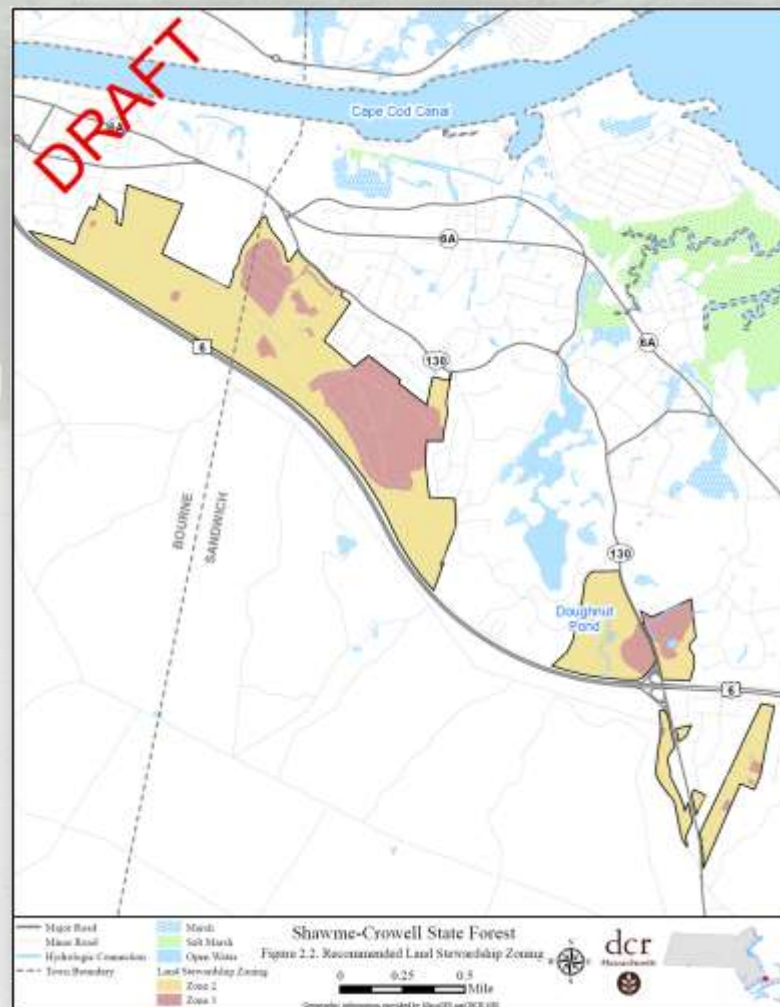


<b>Area (Acres):</b>	<b>605</b>
<b>Landscape Designation:</b>	<b>Parkland</b>
<b>Management:</b>	<b>DCR</b>
<b>Rare Species:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cultural Resources:</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Recreation:</b>	<b>Camping – 285 sites</b>
	<b>Hiking</b>
	<b>Hunting</b>
	<b>Mt. Biking</b>
<b>Staffing (Y-R):</b>	<b>3</b>

# Shawme-Crowell State Forest: Recommendations

## Management Recommendations

- Perform structural analysis of former superintendent's residence and associated outbuildings.
- Rehabilitate 1950s & 1960s era comfort stations.
- Ensure that at least 15 campsites have accessible tables and grills.
- Investigate potential encroachment.
- Accessible parking, signs, pavement markings, etc.



# Waquoit Bay Properties





# Waquoit Bay Properties: Existing Conditions

	<b>WBNERR</b>	<b>SOUTH CAPE BEACH</b>	<b>WASHBURN ISLAND</b>	<b>QUASHNET WOODS</b>
<b>Area:</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>468</b>
<b>Landscape Designation:</b>	<b>Parkland Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve Parkland</b>	<b>Reserve Parkland</b>	<b>Woodland Reserve</b>
<b>Management:</b>	<b>DCR</b>	<b>DCR</b>	<b>DCR</b>	<b>DCR &amp; DFG</b>
<b>Rare Species:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Resources:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Recreation:</b>	<b>Nature Study Scenic Viewing Shellfishing</b>	<b>Hunting Kite Boarding Sunbathing Swimming</b>	<b>Camping (10 sites) Kayaking Sunbathing Swimming</b>	<b>Fishing (catch &amp; release) Hiking Hunting</b>
<b>Staffing (Y-R):</b>	<b>12 (3 vacant)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

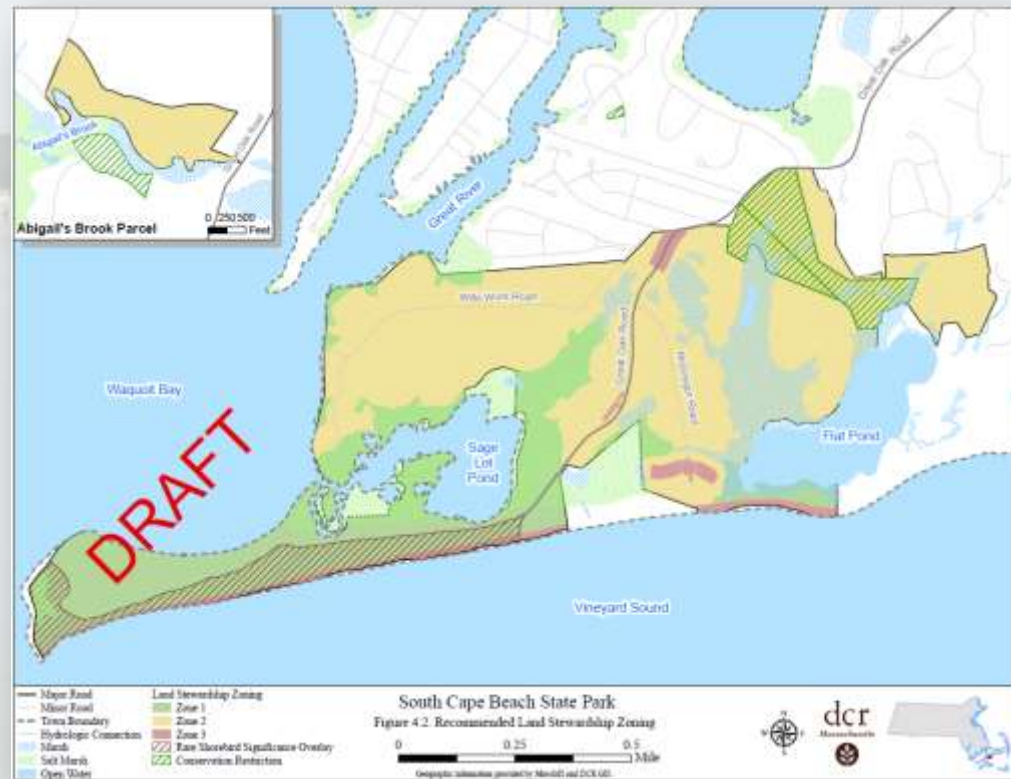
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# South Cape Beach State Park: Recommendations

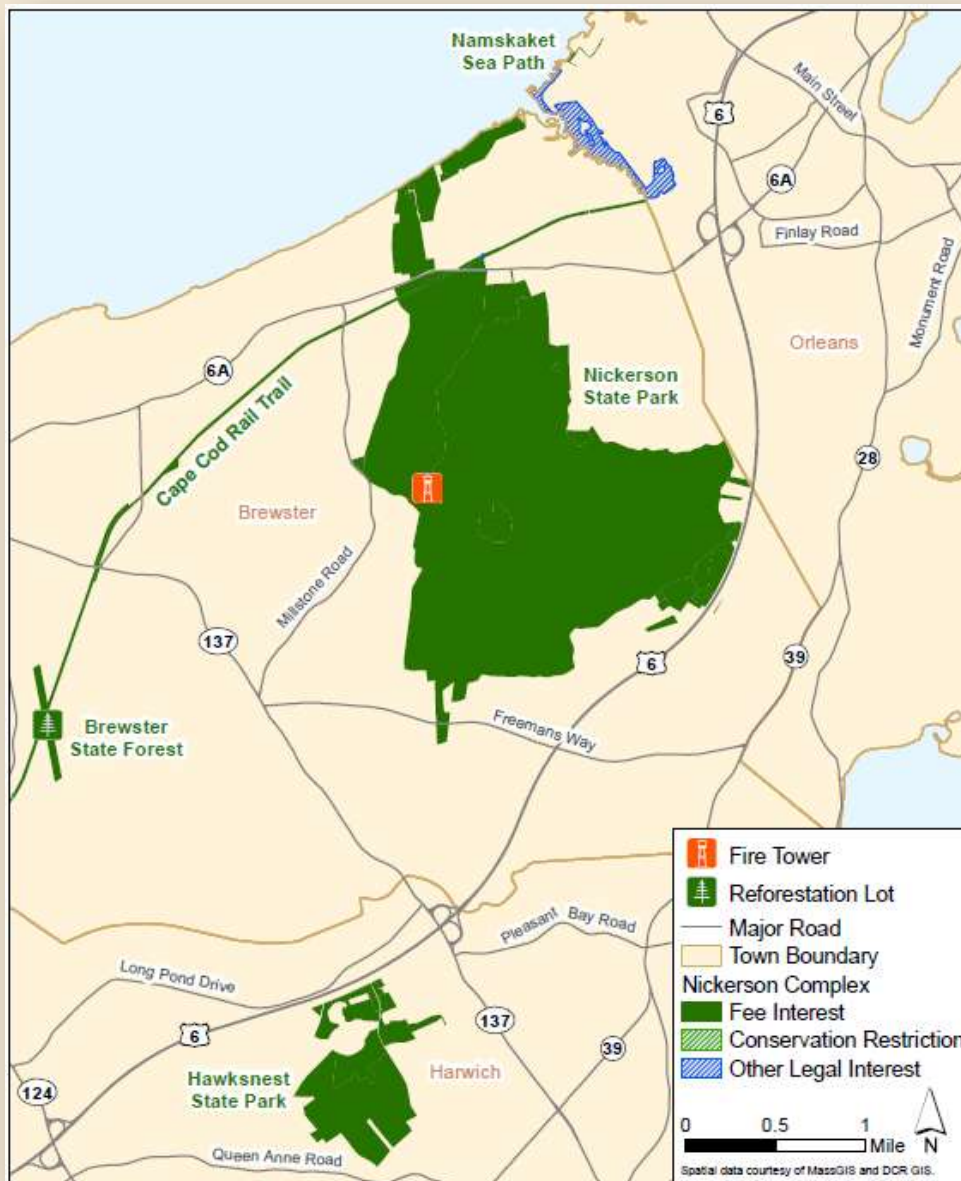
## Management Recommendations

- Continue ongoing rare shorebird monitoring and management.
- Update HP parking.
- Reconfigure entrance of Wills Work Road to move it inside park's main gate.
- Prevent pedestrians from crossing dunes.
- Prepare a barrier beach management plan.





# Nickerson Area Properties



# Nickerson Area Properties: Existing Conditions

	NICKERSON	HAWKSNEST	CCRT
<b>Area:</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>202</b>
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<b>Recreation:</b>	<b>Bicycling Boating Camping (406 sites) Sunbathing Swimming Theater</b>	<b>Dog Walking Fishing Hiking Swimming</b>	<b>Bicycling Horseback Riding Skiing, X-C Walking/Running</b>
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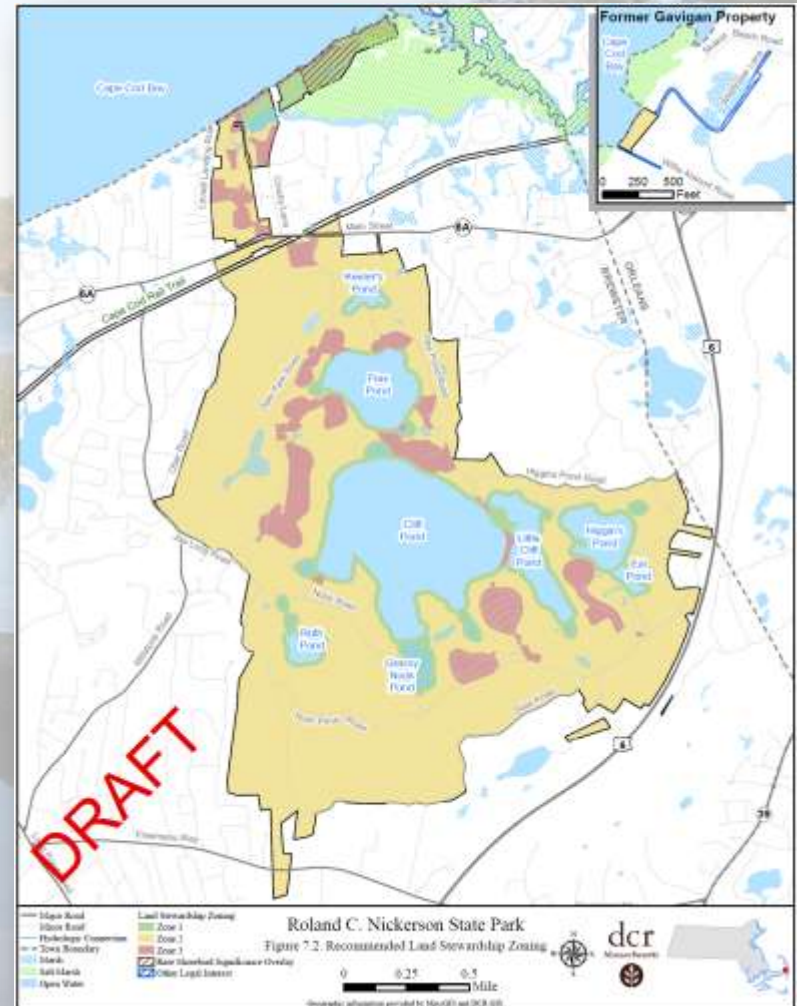
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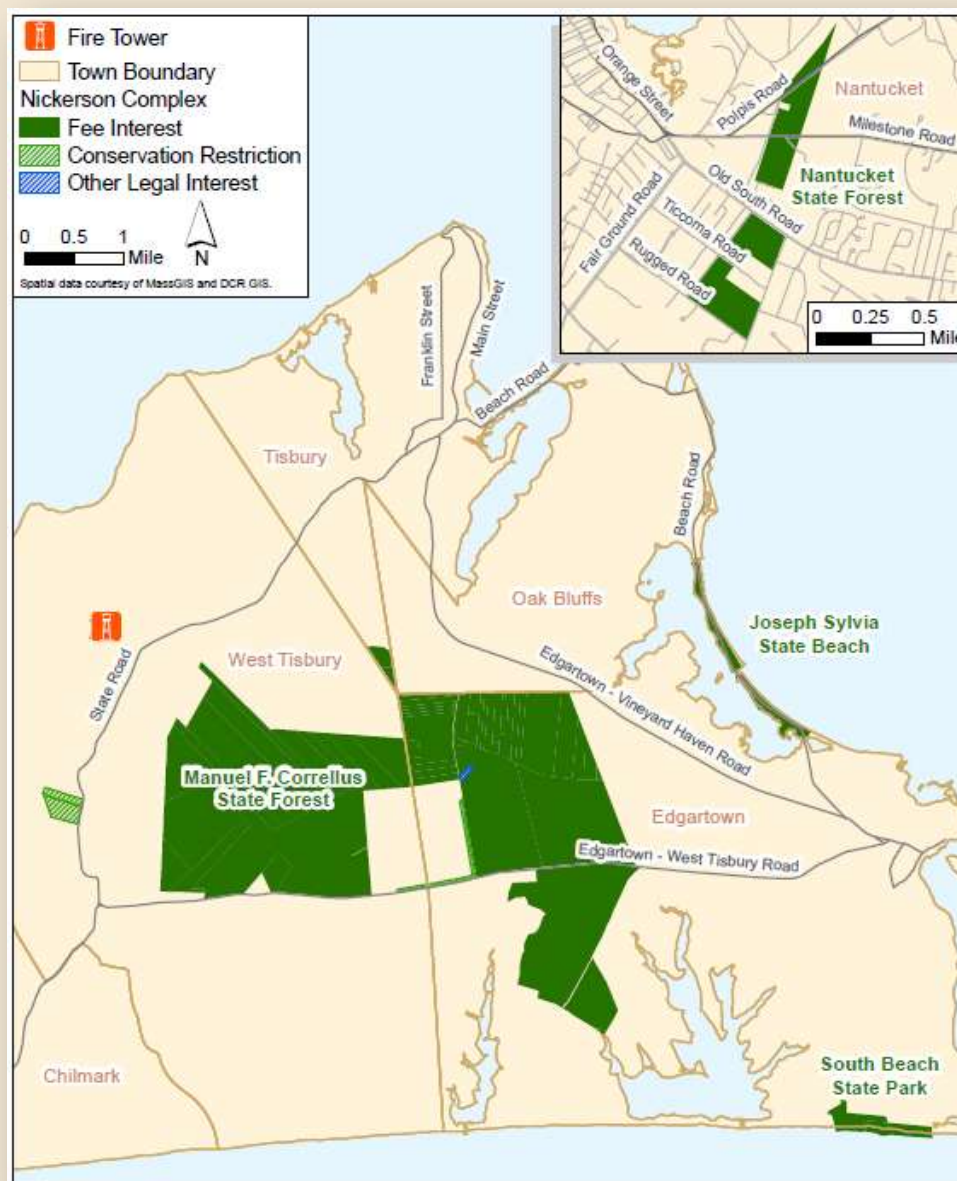
# Roland C. Nickerson State Park: Recommendations

## Management Recommendations

- Implement Cliff Pond management recommendations to control algal blooms.
- Assess loop trails around ponds for impacts to Coastal Plain Pondshore Community.
- Convert two dune crossings to well-defined corridors; close and restore other crossings.
- Remove remaining debris piles from 2005 storm.
- Comprehensive conditions assessment of CCC pavilions.



# Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket





# Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket: Existing Conditions

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<b>Rare Species:</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Cultural Resources:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
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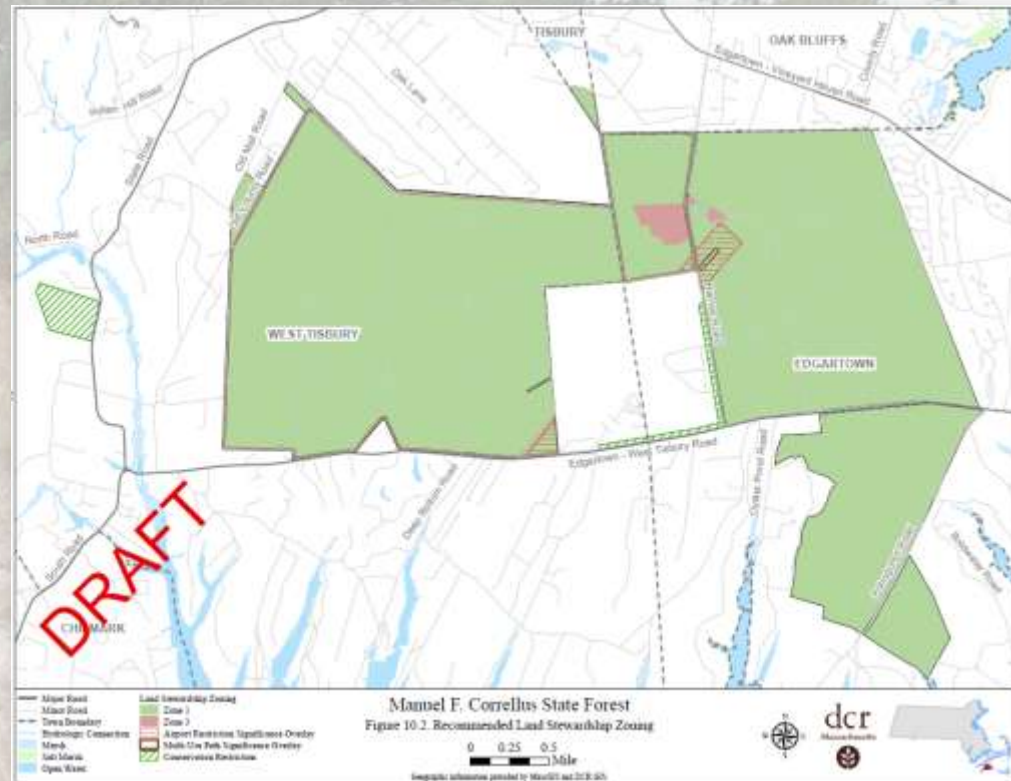
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# Manuel F. Correllus State Forest: Recommendations

## Management Recommendations

- Update fire break management plan, incorporate into a comprehensive fire management plan, and implement.
- Remove non-native pine plantations to decrease fire risk.
- Require disc golf and R-C airplane groups to document management practices and provide to NHESP for review.
- Document bike path management practices and provide to NHESP for review.





# Questions and Comments



- RMP process
- Resources
- Recommendations
- Other ?





# Public Comment

## General Guidelines

- Please state:
  - Name
  - Affiliation (if any), and
  - Name of property on which you are commenting
- To assist us, please make comments in the context of what resources or issues DCR should address during the Resource Management Planning process.

# Public Comments due March 2, 2015

**For more information:**

Web: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>

**Send your comments and suggestions to:**

**E-mail:** dcr.updates@state.ma.us  
*Please put "Cape and Islands RMP" in the subject line*

**U.S. Mail:** Department of Conservation and Recreation  
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**Note: Public comments submitted to DCR will be posted  
in their entirety on the DCR website.**

# Thank You for Participating



*Quashnet River – Quashnet Woods State Reservation*